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Our more serious insect situations were examined this year by Dr. N. D. Wygant and W. D. Buchanan of the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine at Fort Collins, Colorado. Their findings are set forth in brief but comprehensive reports, copies of which are attached.

No insect control measures are being carried out beyond the benefits coincident to the salvage of damaged timber on the Coconino and Lincoln Forests, and on a smaller scale on other areas.

Thus far, late winter moisture has been favorable over most areas and should this situation continue into spring we will expect a rapid decline in Dendroctonus and Ips populations over the areas that are now hardest hit by these beetles. Along this line it is interesting to report further on the situation over the south portion of the Jemez Division of the Santa Fe Forest which was mentioned in last year's report. Fortunately, this area was benefited by several good snowfalls which occurred in early spring of 1947 and, as predicted by Dr. Wygant in the advent of favorable moisture, epidemic conditions quickly subsided. There was very little new kill in this area during 1947.

We will continue our observations of insect conditions and will rely upon the Fort Collins men for technical assistance.

Attachments
Carson-Santa Fe
Coconino and
Lincoln reports

cc-Dr. Wygant

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